

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 24, 2020

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Harris, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young, Smith, Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Armstrong

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Harris** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**RS 27733C1:** **Rep. Addis** said **RS 27733C1** was very similar to a previous RS that had been introduced to the committee but **RS 27733C1** included changes to address implementation dates for local initiatives.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to introduce **RS 27733C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 516:** **Rep. Zito** said **H 516** was similar to a previous bill but included a change in language to include an allowance for all U.S. citizens to concealed carry in city limits.

**Diana David**, Every Town for Gun Safety, testified **in opposition** to **H 516**. She shared her personal experience with gun violence and said even gun owners are not immune to gun violence.

**Nicole Brown, Dr. Rick Shackelford, and Kathy Sasser**, Moms Demand Action, testified **in opposition** to **H 516** and spoke in support of permitting standards and the increased risk for Idahoans under **H 516**.

**Greg Pruett, David Lang**, Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, testified **H 516** makes the law less confusing and clears up confusion. They said **H 516** makes the law uniform across the state.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Pruett** said people have a right to constitutional carry until they commit a crime. He said criminals are not prone to following the law but people who do follow the law should not be punished.

**Leigh Dyer** testified about the confusion caused by prior legislation regarding the ability of service members and their spouses to carry concealed weapons.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Young** made a motion to send **H 516** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Kathleen DeGolia**, Moms Demand Automatics, testified **in support** of **H 516**. She said no visitor should end up breaking Idaho law because of inconsistencies and the issue is fixable. She said gun rights are women's rights and statistics demonstrate more crime in gun free zones.

**Dan Malloy** testified **in support** of **H 516**. He said the current law was inconsistent and does not stop criminals from carrying concealed weapons.

**Charles Nielsen** introduced his 11-year-old granddaughter, **Bailey**. He said she was carrying a loaded AR-15 and was responsible. He said people live in fear and make unreasonable demands of others to take care of those fears. He expressed offense that some consider constitutional carry a privilege.

During discussion on the motion, some committee members asked whether law enforcement agencies and associations would be testifying in support or opposition. The sponsor said only a few organizations responded to the new draft of the bill.

In closing, **Rep. Zito** said **H 516** does not have any effect on the permitting process and shared a personal story about how she almost had to use a firearm to protect her child.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
ORIGINAL  
MOTION:**

**Rep. Young** requested a roll call vote on the original motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 3 NAY, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Harris, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Zito, Scott, Andrus, Hartgen, Young. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Smith, Gannon, Green. Rep. Armstrong was ABSENT/EXCUSED. Rep. Zito will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 AM.

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Representative Harris  
Chair

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Devon Powers  
Secretary